

6. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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6.2 Current Status

6.2.1 Security is one of the top priorities to come from the PRSP District consultations. Police salaries were allocated at K30.1 million of HIPC resources, but the Committee has not determined how much of that is actually being spent. The priority however is on community policing which received no HIPC funding even though it has an allocation of K12.3 million.

6.2.2 Through March 2002, only K3.6 million (30 %) had been allocated. The Committee is concerned that, with the escalating levels of insecurity following the food crisis in Malawi, Parliament would want to know how the funds targeted for community policing are used.

6.3 2002 Committee Recommendation

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